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3A, MONACO. Laura, **3A2MD**, is usually very active on 80 meters. Look for her on 3506 or 3798 kHz starting 0630z. She was also heard on 20 and 10 meters CW on 28031 kHz at 1330z or on 14033 kHz at 1500z working USA on long path. Frank, **3A2MW**, is also active. Check 18135 kHz around 1000z or 14188 kHz around 1200z.

3C1, EQUATORIAL GUINEA. Erik, SM0AGD, is now active as **3C1AG** until **February 5th**. He has been active on 80/40/30/12/10 meters CW and 20/15 meters RTTY. A report from John, SM5DJZ, indicates that Erik is using his normal AP8 GP, and has put up a dipole for 30 meters which later he will be changing into a 160 meter dipole. Erik has also promised some SSB activity, but his primary mode is CW. Erik has been very well taken care of by Alan/3C5I and his XYL, and they meet almost every night. Suggested frequencies he intend to use are:

- **CW** - 1825-1830, 3500-3510, 7000-7010, 10100-10110, 14035, 18085, 21035, 24905 and 28035 kHz
- **SSB** - Around 14195, 21295 and 28495 kHz
- **RTTY** - 14080, 18100, 21080, 24920 and 28080 kHz

QSL via his homecall SM0AGD. His pattern of operating last week seems to be the following:

10/12/15 meters - 0930-1730z
20 meters - 2030-0130z
30 meters - 0330-430z

40 meters - 0200-0330z
80 meters - 0430-0530z

3V, TUNISIA. A YL operator was heard at the controls last week from **3V8BB** on 20 meters. Listen for Zaida to show up on 14260 kHz starting around 1100z and staying as late as 1400z.

3W, VIETNAM. This entity continues to have activity from it. **3W6AR** was heard on 21274 kHz from about 0015z to 0100z. Hau, **3W6LI**, was heard from Saigon on 28475 kHz around 0930z. QSL via IK2DUW.

3Y, BOUDET. Chuck, **3Y0C**, continues to be active but mainly on 20 meters. However, he does show up once and awhile on 80/40/17 meters. From the WD4NGB Web page, Chuck's Icom PW1 amp is still not working, but support guys have been in daily contact with the Icom reps in Japan trying to find the problem on the PW1 amp. They are sending information back and forth daily on the results of many tests. Chuck's beam is repaired, and back up. He is still trying to make up some new antennas. The Hexbeam is the only one of the originals to be in one piece. It has been repaired, but the vertical was not repairable. He has put some low band wire antennas up and will work on them as time permits. Chuck has been very busy and in his spare time, he will try to get on RTTY within the next 2 days. Chuck has one more glitch in the RTTY software to correct, but it looks good.

A5, BHUTAN. The Johnson family (**A52GJ**, **A52MJ**, **A52VJ** and **A52YL**) will be active **until February 2nd**. Glenn, A52GJ, seems to be active the mostly. He has really been hitting the lower bands at various times lately. If you miss this activity, you will have another chance to work another operator. Look for Dimitri, RA9CO, to be active as **A52CO March 15-21st** on all bands CW and SSB.

AP, PAKISTAN. Bob, **AP2JZB**, has been calling CQ for stateside stations on 17/12/10 meters also daily between 1300-1430z. Check around 18125, 24950 and between 28470 and 28510 kHz. QSL via K2EWB.

C9, MOZAMBIQUE. Hans, **C91CU**, was active this past week on 14165 kHz for over an hour starting around 1715z.

CE0, SAN AMBROSIO ISLAND (Update). Marco, CE6TBN, Team Leader for the 2001 San Ambrosio Island DXpedition, reported that they needs 2 more operators for CE0ZT DXpeditions. If interested, please send E-mail to: ce6tbn@dxpedition.org

D2, ANGOLA. Gabriele, **D2EB**, was heard on 15/10 meters this past week between 1700 and 1800z. Check 21333 and 28495 kHz. QSL via I3LLH.

D6, COMOROS. By the time you read this, the **D68BT** and **D68WL** will be QRT (expected at 1200z, Sunday, January 28th). Their estimated QSO count is around 24,000 QSOs in the log (with dupes, around 32,000). Check the following Web pages for more information:

- Picture - http://www.qsl.net/ea3bt/Comoros-Picture_of_day.htm
- Album Pictures - http://www.qsl.net/ea3bt/Comoros-Pictures_Album.htm
- Log Search - <http://www.qsl.net/ea3bt/Comoros-Logs%20Angl%E9s.htm>

ADDED NOTE: If you missed working this operation, do not worry. A very large operation will be taking place between February 8-28th. Look for D68C to be active on all bands and modes.

FG, GUADELOUPE (Also KP4). Hiro, JA2EZD, who has been active throughout the Caribbean (FM/Martinique, J6/St.Lucia, J7/Dominica) the last few weeks should be active from here as **FG5BG**. He is expected to leave here and head to **Puerto Rico (KP4)** in **early February**. Most of his activity has been on CW on 80/40/20/15/10, but there has been SSB. QSL via XW2A.

HK0, MALPELO ISLAND. Pedro, HK3JJH, sent a message to your editor in Spanish which I tried my best to translate. Pedro reports to OPDX that he is planning a DXpedition to Malpelo for which he has "corresponding permission". There were NO dates given. However, he is looking for some help (green stamps) for this project. He plans to be on the island for a month and will be active on 80/40/20/17/15/12/10 meters SSB and possibly RTTY. Credits will be given to any individual or organization that helps or endorses his project.

IOTA DXPEDITIONS BY BERT. Bert, PA3GIO, informs OPDX that he is going to be very busy activating IOTAs this year in the Caribbean, Central America, India Ocean and the Tasman Sea. Here is his planned schedule:

- **March 11-16th** - Bert, PA3GIO, will be active as **V31GI** on **Southwest Caye, Grovers Reef, Belize (NA-180)**. Activity will be on 80-10 meters SSB only (check the usual IOTA or DX frequencies). QSL preferable by the Bureau to PA3GIO.
 - Website: <http://www.pa3gio.nl/ca/southwest/>
 - Mirror USA: <http://www.qsl.net/pa3gio/ca/southwest/>
- **March 28th through April 2nd** - Bert, PA3GIO, will be active on **Saba Island (NA-145)** as **PJ6/PA3GIO/m**. Activity will be on 20-10 meters SSB only (IOTA or DX frequencies). QSL preferable by the Bureau to PA3GIO.
 - Website: <http://www.pa3gio.nl/ca/PJ6/>
 - Mirror USA: <http://www.qsl.net/pa3gio/ca/PJ6/>
- **September 8-14th** (Exact dates depending on flights) - Bert, PA3GIO, will be active as **VK9CQ** from **Cocos Keeling (OC-003)**. Activity will be on 80-10 meters SSB only (IOTA or DX frequencies). QSL preferable by the Bureau to PA3GIO.
 - Website: <http://www.pa3gio.nl/VK9CQ/>
 - Mirror USA: <http://www.qsl.net/pa3gio/VK9CQ/>
- **September 15-22nd** (Exact dates depending on flights) - Bert, PA3GIO, will be as **VK9XV** from **Christmas Island (OC-002)**. Look for activity on 80-10 meters SSB only (IOTA or DX frequencies). QSL preferable by the Bureau to PA3GIO.
 - Website: <http://www.pa3gio.nl/VK9XV/>
 - Mirror USA: <http://www.qsl.net/pa3gio/VK9XV/>
- **October 9-15th** (Exact dates depending on flights) - Bert, PA3GIO, will be active as **VK9LO** from **Lord Howe Island (OC-004)**. Activity will be on 80-10 meters SSB only (IOTA or DX frequencies). QSL preferable by the Bureau to PA3GIO.
 - Website: <http://www.pa3gio.nl/VK9LO/>
 - Mirror USA: <http://www.qsl.net/pa3gio/VK9LO/>

** ADDED NOTE. Bert adds that since January 17, 2001, he has mailed 20000 direct and bureau VK9CQ and VK9XV QSL cards. You can see what the VK9 QSL card looks like at his Web site: <http://www.pa3gio.nl/>

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AN-006.** Paul, UX2HO, will once again be active as **EM1HO** in **February** from the **Antarctic**, from the **Vernadtsky Base** on **Galindez Island**. He will be active on all modes and bands (WARC and 6m included). QSL via I2PJA direct or bureau.
- **AS-025.** Operator Yuri, RA0FU, is now active from the Island of **Kunashir** (RR-15-05) and will be active **until January 31st**. He will use an Icom 756PRO and R7 antenna. QSL direct to: Yuri Burykh, P.O. Box 12, Yu-Sakhalinsk-23, 693023 Russia. Detailed

information is expected to appear on the "Asia DX Window-HF WebCluster" at:
<http://dx.bgtelecom.ru>

- **AS-062.** Alex/RU0LM will once again be operating as **RU0LM/0** from **Shikotan Island** for about **two months**. His activity may begin **next week or early February**. QSL via UA0MF: Mike Filippov, P.O.Box 20, (not 29), Vladivostok, 690021,Russia.

J2, DJIBOUTI. Jean, **J28NH**, has been active lately on PSK31 on 10 meters on 28121 kHz around 0645z and 20 meters on 14080 kHz around 1700z. He has also been heard on 12 meters SSB on 24955 kHz around 1345z.

J3, GRENADA. Willi, DJ7RJ, is now active as **J3/DJ7RJ** until **February 3rd**. Over the last few days, he was heard on 80/40/20/15/12/10 meters CW/SSB. Check 80/40 meters after 0200z as late as 0800z, 20/15 meters after 1900z and 12/10 meters after 1330z. QSL via DJ7RJ.

KH9, WAKE ISLAND. Start looking for Terry, K7ASU, to be active from here as **K7ASU/KH9** until **February 24th**. His activity will be mostly on PSK31 and with some CW. QSL via K7ASU.

NEW DXNL EDITOR. Lothar Wilke, DL3TD, Chairman of the DARC Committee for DX and HF Contesting, has announced a new editor for the DARC DX Newsletter. The editor will be **Karlfried Henrichs, DL1EK**, who is a well-known person within the DX and contest community. The first DARC DX Newsletter edited by DL1EK will be published during the first week of February. You can reach Karlfried via his E-mail: dxnl@darc.de

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- David, VK3EW, reports that direct QSLs cards for the special event station, **AX3OLY** (VK3), active during the 2000 Olympic Games, will be going out or should be received shortly. Also, if you are in the log and did not send a card you will receive a special QSL via the Bureau shortly. The AX3OLY station achieved a QSO total of close to 1800 in 102 DXCC Countries in around 27 hours of the total operating time. QSLs for AX3OLY go to VK3WI.
- Alan, VK8AV, was active as **AX8AV** on January 25-26th. Remember January 26th was Australia Day. QSL via UA9XC. Log search can be found on the Web site at:
<http://dx.komi.ru/ua9xc/ax8av.htm>
- Pepe, EA5KB, informs OPDX that he is now the QSL Manager for the following stations: **CX5AO**, **CX2AQ**, **CO8CY** and **CE2LZR**. He has all the logs. He states to please QSL via the bureau or direct to CBA.
- Jon, N0JK, reports that he has received the QSL cards from the printer for his **FG/N0JK** operation, and they should be going out this past weekend. His FG/N0JK activity took place at the end of November where he was active on 6 meters and was in the CQWW CW Contest. More info can be found on the Web page at:
<http://communities.msn.com/6mdx/>
- Oscar, HK6DOS, (QSL Manager for CO6XN) reports that the cost of the air mail postage increased in **Colombia**. To U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America it has gone up 60% and to Europe, Asia, Africa and Oceania 65%. One dollar is not enough to answer one QSL card. The note of one "green stamp" is a low denomination, and he can't change it for the real value. He states that it is better to send an IRC or two dollars. QSL cards that arrive without IRC or two "green stamps" will be answered via bureau.

- Ron, AC7DX, informs OPDX that he has taken over the chores (from NU4N) as QSL Manager for the following stations: **KL9A**, **KL7FH**, **WL7KY** and **KL1SLE**.
- The "Far East Island DX Club" (FEIDXC) has begun to send QSL cards out for the **RK0FWL/p** DXpedition (July-August 2000) from Moneron Island (IOTA AS-149). If you have not sent for the card, but are planning to, REMEMBER to send it to: Eugene Popov, P.O.Box 79, Yu-Sakhalinsk-10, 693010, Russia. It MUST have a name under the new requirements by the Russia postal service or the mail will be returned. The RK0FWL/p Web site with a Log Search, Photos and information on the island, can be found at: <http://dx.bgtelecom.ru/shams/as149.html>
- Stations **ZX7R** and **ZX7CW** that were active over the past weekend from Fort King Magicians in Natal, Capital of Rio Grande do Norte State-RN (PS7), get QSLed via PS7HF: Fabio Hoelz, P.O. Box 974, Natal - RN ZIP: 59041-970, Brazil, South America.

S2, BANGLADESH. The "ARRL Letter and DX Bulletin" states John, KX7YT, is active from Dhaka **until February 1st** as **S21YV**. His activity will be on 20 meters only with operations on SSB, PSK31, MFSK16, and possibly CW and RTTY. He will be looking for stateside stations between 0100-0200z and 1500-1700z. He has been alternating days on 14195 kHz SSB and 14071 kHz on PSK31. QSL via KX7YT. Core says he will apply for an extension of operating authority and hopes to be back in Bangladesh in April as well.

SPECIAL EVENT. Only a few days left to work **ZY3WSF** which is active during the **World-wide Social Forum** (FSM) (taking place now **through January 30th**) for the first time, in the city of PortoCheers, state of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. Activity is expected on 80-10 meters CW/SSB. QSL via PY3FBI ONLY DIRECT. Gilberto is NOT A MEMBER OF THE BUREAU.

TT8, CHAD. Two stations were active this past week, **TT8FC** and **TT8RH**. TT8FC was 7012 kHz between 0245 and 0430z. QSL via EA4AHK. TT8RH was heard on 20/15 meters CW. Activity on 15 meters was between 1030 and 1345 on 21020 kHz and 20 meters on 14010 kHz after 1600z. QSL TT8RH via F8BBT.

V2, ANTIGUA. Chuck, N2CY, will be operating here from **February 27th through March 4th**, and expects to sign as **V26CY**. He will be an entry in the **ARRL SSB Contest**, but expects to be on the air prior to the contest on all bands including the WARC bands, SSB and CW. QSL to his home call N2CY.

VP8, FALKLAND ISLANDS. Paul, **VP8DBQ**, has been active on 20/15 meters between 0930z and 1030z. Check 21297 and 14250 kHz. QSL via M1AIB.

VU EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION. A major earthquake hit India last week and the following information was provided by Jose Jacob, VU2JOS: "Members of National Institute of Amateur Radio (NIAR), VU2NRO, Hyderabad have established HF/VHF stations in the earthquake affected areas of Gujarat for providing emergency relief communications to the Government. Our main frequency is **14.160 Mhz**. The callsigns are VU2LIC, VU2MYH, VU2LFA, VU3RBN..... Other local and out station Hams are also active." So, it is requested that all international amateur radio operators please stay clear of 14160 kHz and 7023 kHz until further notice.

YJ, VANUATU. Currently Sigi/DK9FN and Bernhard/DL2GAC are active as **YJ0AFN** and

YJ0ABS, respectively, until February 10th. They do hope to activate some of the **rare IOTA islands** if they can solve transportation problem. Sigi is active mostly on CW, and Bernhard on SSB. Sigi is trying to work Europe on the low bands around his sunrise (there were 80m CW spots around 1700z). QSL YJ0AFN via HA8FW and YJ0ABS via DL2GAC.

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SPECIAL NOTE BY EDITOR: If you are having a problem receiving bounced mail by sending mail to me via " kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org ", please send mail to me via " kb8nw@arrl.net "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME PAGE (provided by John, K8YSE):

<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/opdx.html>

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<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/nodxa.html>

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